

## Christina "Dena" Sundermeyer

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Christina "Dena" (Mrs. Verne) Sundermeyer, 80, of Groton, died Monday, April 20, 1998 at the Wilmot Community Home in Wilmot, S.D.

Mass of the Christian Burial was held Friday, April 24, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Groton. Monsignor Marvin McPhee officiated. Burial was in the Groton Catholic Cemetery with the Paetznick-Garness Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

There was a Scriptural Wake Service Thursday at the funeral chapel.

Christina Rose Gefre was born February 11, 1918 at Aberdeen. Her parents were Fred and Julia (Meier) Gefre. She grew up in Aberdeen and attended St. Mary's Catholic Parochial School and Central High School. As a young woman she worked at the Beatrice Creamery in Aberdeen. She then went to Salem, Ore., and worked in a fruit canning factory. She returned to Aberdeen and married Verne Sundermeyer on February 17, 1939 at Aberdeen. From 1941 to 1945 they moved several times, living in Buffalo, N.Y.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Reno, Nev.; Bisbee, Ariz.; Los Angeles, and San Francisco. They then lived in Aberdeen for one year before moving to the Groton area where they have farmed for the past 50 years. Due to ill health, her husband cared for her at home for many years and she has been a resident of the Wilmot Nursing Home for three years.

She was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catho-



lic Church in Groton.

She is survived by her husband, Verne, of Groton; two sons, Robert (Lonnie) Sundermeyer, Ghant, Ky., and James (Teresa) Sundermeyer, Stillwater, Minn.; one daughter, Patricia (Duane) Sombke, Pinole, Calif.; one brother, Larry Gefre, Reno, Nev.; two sisters, Eva Steele, Grand Rapids, Minn., and Dorothy Wilcox, Los Angeles, eleven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four sisters and two brothers.

The casketbearers were Donald Bartz, Roger Krueger, Walter Reber, Anton Schwab, Luverne Strom and Richard Strom.

The organist was Matt Hinds and the soloist was the Rev. Bill Duncan.

Lyle and Dodie Reder and Tony and Marlene Goldade were the ushers.